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AND METHODS FOR EVALUATING RISK OF NEURAL TUBE
DEFECTS, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, AND CANCER

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REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed December 19, 2002, applicants elect the species of nucleic acids that include SEQ ID NO: 25 (Gly Ala Met Trp Leu Phe Phe Gly Cys Arg His Lys Asp Arg Asp Tyr Leu Phe), as recited in claim 50, without traverse. In the event that a generic claim is allowed, applicants assert that claims to the remaining species, which are written in dependent form, or which otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claim should be considered as provided by 37 CFR § 1.141 and MPEP § 809.02(a).

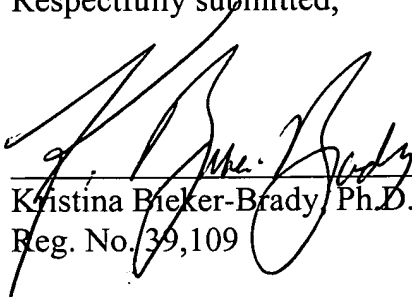
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